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Construction of Defense Lines in the West Coastal Area

1. In early September 1952, a Chinese Communist unit of divisional strength was in the Tokhyon-ni (approximately 125-27, 38-44) (YC-155905) area,¹ where it had arrived on 19 August 1952 from Changsusan (125-43, 38-18) (YC-3842), Unp'a-ri (125-46, 38-24) (YC-4253), and Madong (125-52, 38-28) (YC-5061). The unit was equipped with 4 x 120-mm. artillery pieces and 6 x 86-mm. anti-aircraft artillery pieces, and each soldier was armed with a rifle and hand grenades. These troops were constructing coastal defenses in the Chinnamp'o area. The defense line ran from No-dong (125-28, 38-46) (YC-1493) through YC-154928, YC-132926, YC-149919, YC-152917, YC-174886, YC-212878, YC-223878, to Chuui-dong (125-34, 38-42) (YC-2386).
2. In early September troops of a Chinese Communist unit of divisional strength, which was at Ch'olto-ri (125-39, 38-39) (YC-3181),¹ were constructing a defense line which ran from approximately 125-37, 38-43 (YC-282872) through YC-271869, YC-280860, YC-285850, YC-283843, YC-291816, YC-287809, to approximately 125-38, 38-39 (YC-286805).
3. The defense lines were a series of pillboxes constructed half-way up the slopes of major hills and joined by a network of trenches. Tunnels ran from the interior of each pillbox to the center of the hill on which it was situated.

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In these tunnels were ammunition storage areas and living accommodations. The construction work was carried out on a 24-hour schedule in three shifts.

4. Supplies for both units were transported at night by sailing junks from P'yongch'on-ni, P'yongyang to points YC-2490 and YC-294817. From there the supplies were hauled by horses, ox-carts, or trucks to the units.

Anti-Aircraft Defenses in the Chunghwa Area

5. In early September an artillery battalion of the 569 Regiment, 190 Division, 64 Army, was at approximately 125-47, 38-52 (YD-410042). The field postal number was 4 Company, 2 Battalion, 290 Division, 690 Unit. This battalion, which had a strength of 360 men, provided anti-aircraft defense for the Chunghwa railroad station and the surrounding area.
- C-3 6. In early September, 60 Chinese Communist troops, equipped with 8 anti-aircraft guns, were at approximately YD-438013; and 40 Chinese Communist troops, equipped with 15 Anti-aircraft guns, were at approximately YD-422059.

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1. Comment. Possibly a unit of the 64 Army which was carried in the general Kyomipo (YC-2890) - Chunghwa (YD-4204) - Hwangju (125-47, 38-40) (YC-4283) area

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